

# Kidsnetupdate



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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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**Kidsnet Welcomes:** A to Z Primary Care and Wheeler School

#### Immunization Updates

##### **Short-dated Flumist Vaccine**

It has come to our attention that some practices have been receiving Flumist vaccine with less than 1-month of shelf life (some even less than 2-weeks). We have addressed this issue with MedImmune, McKesson, and the CDC and they are currently working to correct this situation. Due to these developments the SSV program has decided that we will not be holding practices accountable for wasted Flumist vaccine and shall not seek restitution for these doses. Please remember that the SSV program still has plenty of injectable influenza vaccine for order.

*Due to recent deliveries of short-dated Flumist vaccines we are asking all practices to carefully check the expiration dates on their inventory. Please contact HEALTH at 222-4639 should you need to replace any short-dated Flumist. Please remember that HEALTH still has plenty of injectable flu vaccine and that all injectable flu vaccines expire June 2009.*

##### **Hib Vaccine**

The country is still struggling to get through the national Hib vaccine shortage and CDC reminds all practices that the 4th dose (booster at 12-15 mos.) is still to be deferred until the national Hib shortage is lifted. Rhode Island recently received some additional doses of Hib from another state and we are doing our best to make sure each practice is able to receive at least a 30-day supply with each vaccine order. Unfortunately at this time we are still unable to fill your normal request for a 60-day supply.

##### **SAVE THE DATE**

The Department has scheduled a formal public hearing on amendments to school immunization regulations **Friday, 27 February 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium** of the Cannon Building (on the lower level). You are welcome to attend and present testimony.

If you have questions about the proposed regulations, or if you wish to submit written comments in advance of the hearing, please direct them to: Ms. Patricia Raymond, MPH, RN, Chief of the Immunization Program: [Patricia.Raymond@health.ri.gov](mailto:Patricia.Raymond@health.ri.gov) or 401-222-5921. These draft regulations also appear online for viewing or downloading: [www.health.ri.gov](http://www.health.ri.gov) and [www.sec.state.ri.us/rules](http://www.sec.state.ri.us/rules) (search under "proposed rules").

If you would like to join the Childhood Immunization Coalition please contact Kathy Marceau at: Kathy. [Marceau@health.ri.gov](mailto:Marceau@health.ri.gov) or 401-222-4624.

We meet four times a year and have great speakers who address public health issues. Our next meeting is April 23, 2009.

Visit our NEW web site at [www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet](http://www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet)  
Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434 with any questions or suggestions

The Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (RIAAP) in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH) will host a ***Provider Immunization Awards Breakfast*** conference on **April 28, 2009 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Warwick, RI**. The keynote speaker will address immunization issues. All providers (and staff) enrolled in the Rhode Island State Supplied Vaccines for Children Program are invited to attend.

#### **Immunization Report**

In January 2009, the following **16** practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Allen Berry Health Center, Chafee Health Center, East Bay Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine, Dr. Salm - Aquidneck Newport, Fatima Health Center, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Westerly Pediatrics, Dr. Richard Ohnmacht, Family Medicine Specialists, Dr.s Concannon & Vitale, University Medicine Group, Northstar Pedi Primary Care, East Side Pediatrics, Everett Wilcox Center, and Cranston - University Medical Group.**

#### **Lead Screening Report**

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In January 2009, the following **23** pediatric practices used this report: **Broadway Medical Treatment Center, Concilio Pediatrics, Dr. Dante Ramos, East Side Pediatrics, Everett Wilcox Center, Family Health Services - Cranston, Family Medicine Specialists, Fatima Health Center, Dr. Michael Hayden, Hasbro Northstar and Rainbow Peds, Dr. Polly Leonard, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Richard Ohnmacht, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Smithfield Pediatrics, Spectrum Health Care, Thundermist Health Centers of West Warwick and Woonsocket, University Family Medicine Foundation, Foster University Medical Foundation, Warren Family Practice, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1-800-942-7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!